

FOR CHILDREN'S HOME FIVE 'DRUNKS' ARRESTED

Board of Managers Request That the Needs of the Little Ones be Remembered Thanksgiving Day.

Alexandria may have many who are in need of assistance but none certainly can be more worthy than the inmates of the Children's Home concerning which the Board of Managers has requested the Gazette to give space to the following appeal:

It can be readily understood that the soaring of prices has not only affected the amount necessary for the running expenses of the Children's Home but has also lessened the amount of donations in a marked degree, therefore the board of managers of the home is making an earnest appeal that each individual will send an offering, no matter how small, to the Home on Thanksgiving Day or the day previous. The aggregate of small donations will be of manifold benefit to the home and not a tax on any one.

There is not a child housed in the home that has anywhere else to look for a home, and there has never been a worthy case of application refused. In addition, numbers of temporary cases of distress are cared for. If you have anything in your own life to be thankful for, will you not make a thank-offering to your own institution for needy ones?

The management of the home would like to thank everyone who has aided in the past in supporting so worthy a cause and to thank those in advance who will hearken to this appeal. Anything in the line of provisions, money or clothing will be gratefully appreciated.

Our endeavor, through this appeal, is to keep the little bodies warm, sufficiently clothed and fed during the winter season and if everyone will be thoughtful enough to contribute his or her mite this can be accomplished.

UNION PRAYER MEETINGS

To be Held by the Women of the City

The ladies in charge of the prayer meeting services to be held in the city have sent to the Gazette the following:

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock there will be a union prayer meeting for women at the First Baptist church. The service will be led by Capt. McCrea of the Salvation Army. We hope the women of the several churches will be present. It has been considered expedient to discontinue the parlor prayer meetings for the present. Each of the churches have mid-week services. The girls' prayer meeting at the Girls Club and Rest Room, 921 King street, will be continued each week. These prayer meetings are held at 8 p. m., on Thursdays except this week when the date has been changed to Tuesday at 8 o'clock. All girls and women are invited to attend. The weekly prayer service at the Home for the Aged is a union service at 3 o'clock each Friday afternoon. The weekly prayer service will also be continued at the jail and the city Home.

The parlor prayer meetings, have, so beautifully, brought about Christian unity among our Christian women and have brought us a great blessing. It is hoped that this spirit may continue in the various Christian activities. If at any time, in cases of sickness in a home, or where there is a shut-in, a special parlor prayer meeting is desired, the committee will be glad to arrange for it if the request be sent to them.

The members of the committee wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Alexandria Gazette for the frequent and willing publication of the various notices they have sent to it. The Gazette has helped very materially in the great success of these meetings.

"The country around the Somme battle front is like a blasted world. Instead of the rolling fertile plains of former months, it has been transformed into a sea of mud. Men are being drowned in this mud by the scores." This graphic epitome of the greatest battle in history was given yesterday in New York, by Will Irwin, the writer who returned from a trip to the French front on the American liner Philadelphia.

All Said They Procured Liquor in Washington and Forfeited Their Collateral.

Sergeants Wilkinson and Roberts and Officers Roland, Henderson, Smith, Campbell, and Thompson picked up five drunken men Saturday night and yesterday. When questioned they alleged they procured their liquor in Washington. A quart bottle of whisky, another containing a pint and two half pints decorated the desk of Justice Caton this morning. The session of the court lasted but two or three minutes, and there was but one ruling—"forfeited their collateral"—as the names of the parties who had been arrested were called.

The "drunks" were Henry Dixon, Alexander Christenson, E. G. Violet, J. H. Craig and Jess Warner.

Allen Contee, Walter Turner and Charles Gray all colored, had been arrested for gambling. They were not on hand and their collateral was declared forfeited.

There was but one other case, that of a cow, belonging to a dairyman living near this city. The owner failed to respond and he forfeited his deposit.

Four of the men arrested for drunkenness are Washingtonians. They said the whisky found in their possession was purchased in the capital city.

After the adjournment of the Police Court the liquor captured by the officers is poured into the sewer at the station house.

MORE MAFIA MURDERS

Twenty-Seventh in Chicago During the Present Year.

Chicago, Nov. 27—"Little Italy" third murder within a week occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. This makes the twenty-seventh Mafia murder so far this year. The police are helpless as Italians who know of the murders, by whom committed and the reasons are afraid to talk. It is impossible to secure a conviction for these crimes.

Joseph Diavardi, grocer at 858 Milton street, was shot three times and instantly killed on the sidewalk in front of a saloon at 851 Milton street. The saloon is owned by Ciro Foresti and Frank Redisi.

Redisi, Diavardi's nephew by marriage, was taken to the Chicago avenue station, where, the police say, he confessed that three days ago he bought a revolver, which was found after the murder in a hallway 50 feet from the shooting site. The revolver was a .32-caliber and contained two bullets.

Redisi said that he had fired four shots from the revolver, but did not admit that he had fired those shots at Diavardi.

Diavardi was shot three times, once in the jaw and twice in the body beneath the right lung. A fourth bullet was found among his clothes.

Diavardi is survived by his wife and by three children, a girl 5 years old and two boys one aged 3 years and the other aged 1.

An unidentified Italian was found dead in the rear of a saloon conducted by Joseph Ciricicola and Angelo Marino Saturday night. He had been shot in the neck, breast and heart.

James Minardi left the saloon, being stabbed in the face.

Choked to death by his tight collar, Robert Bowman 28 years old, was found in his room at the Haskell Hotel, Paterson, N. J. He was fully dressed. It is believed that when he returned to his room Friday night he was seized with a fainting illness and went to bed without removing his clothes.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late James J. Goodwin, requests all persons having claims against the estate to present the same to her. Those indebted to the estate are requested to come forward and settle the same.

ADA D. GOODWIN,

274-101 Administratrix of James J. Goodwin, Deceased.

Miss Lida McLaughlin has returned from Baltimore where she attended the wedding last Wednesday of Miss Roberta Jackson and Mr. John M. McClure.

A drama entitled "The Girl From Triangle Ranch," is to be given in the parish of St. Joseph's Catholic church Thursday night by the Southeast Dramatic club of Washington for the benefit of that church.

Peter Fox, colored, aged about 75, was found dead near Arlington Junction yesterday morning. Coroner Yates decided that he came to his death from natural causes, probably pneumonia.

Section foreman of the Southern railway to the number of 41, employed on the main line between this city and Charlottesville, also on the Harrisonburg branch, met in this city yesterday for consultation relative to their work and were entertained at dinner at Hotel Rammel.

Among the superior qualities of oysters that are to be found on sale in this city are those furnished by Mr. Henry Clay Carson at 212 King street, who makes a specialty of those known as Tangiers. The Gazette man speaks from an experimental knowledge gained from testing some fine specimens sent to his home today, through the courtesy of Mr. Carson. They were delicious.

Boxes for the voluntary contributions for the community Christmas tree have been placed in various stores throughout the city. The tree will be located on the site occupied by the Gypsy Smith evangelistic tent at the head of King street and will be illuminated at 7 o'clock Christmas eve. It is expected that the choir which sang at the tabernacle meetings will take part in the musical part of the program.

The members of the Alexandria Light Infantry at Brownsville, Texas, will have occasion to think of friends "back home" when the box of good things reaches them which was sent from this city yesterday by twenty-four of their friends. The ladies who assisted at the recent Masonic bazaar were instrumental in getting the contents of the box together. Others would have participated but for the fact that quite a large number of the relatives and friends of the boys had already forwarded boxes of a similar character. In addition to cakes, candy and other eatables for a Thanksgiving dinner, there was included a pair of fleeced-lined gloves for each member of the company which were donated by two citizens who desired to remember the boys in a substantial manner. W. S. Connelly of the Southern railway very kindly took charge of the shipment for the ladies and arranged to have it dispatched so as to arrive at its destination without delay.

ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

J. C. South, Chief Clerk of House of Representatives Will Deliver Address.

J. C. South, chief clerk in the House of Representatives, will deliver the memorial address at the annual memorial services of Alexandria Lodge, No. 758, B. P. O. E., next Sunday night, in the Elks' Home. The program will be as follows: March, Miss Katherine C. Waller; vocal solo, "Hold, Thou, My Hand," Miss Kathryn Brill; selection, "Mona Kea," Hawaiian trio, Messrs. Mark Phillip, Sanford Carrington and Donald Libby; vocal solo, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," Wilmer J. Waller. The ritualistic work will be conducted by George W. Bontz, exalted ruler, and officers of the lodge. The memorial committee is composed of Dr. T. B. Cochran, chairman; Jacob Brill, John Ewald, Herman Friedlander, George H. Schwarzmann and Walter M. Donnelly.

Musical and literary entertainment for the benefit of the Payne street Chapel building fund in the Westminster building, Saturday evening, December 1, at 8 o'clock. Admission 15 cents.

Genuine Lynnhaven Bay Oysters, on half shell, steamed or in measure. Jacob Brill foot of King St. 246-ft

Mrs. W. B. Smithers has returned from a visit to Chicago friends.

Miss Kathryn Brill has returned from New York where she attended the Army-Navy game Saturday.

Miss Marion Furnival, of Baltimore, is the guest of Judge and Mrs. Louis C. Barley at their home in north Washington street.

The Woman's Auxiliary to R. E. Lee Camp, U. C. V., will give their annual oyster supper Thursday, December 7, in Lee Camp Hall.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow evening for the purpose of adopting a new constitution and by-laws.

The regular meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, at 8 o'clock in Lee School building.

The winners of the Dodge automobile and the Edison diamond disc phonograph will be announced at 8 o'clock the night of December first at the Surprise theater.

Ashton E. Willett, aged 22, died last night at Lee Camp Hall. He leaves a wife and one child. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m., at his late home, Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson of the First Baptist church, officiating.

Miss Mary W. Phillips was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, of Maryland, at the Hotel Reannert, Baltimore. Miss Phillips was accompanied home by Mrs. Wilson who is her guest at her home in south Washington street.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church south Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist church. Six of the city churches will unite in the service. The Second Presbyterian, Methodist Protestant, Trinity Methodist and the Second Baptist, in addition to those above named. A collection will be taken at the Alexandria city hospital.

The Berean Bible class for men, which was recently organized at the First Baptist Church, elected the following officers at the meeting yesterday morning: Arthur C. McAlister, president; J. Winn, vice-president; A. L. Ladd, secretary; George M. Poole, treasurer; J. Kent White, chairman of the Hustlers' committee; Arthur L. Lyles, chairman of the social committee; W. D. Burkett, press committee; and J. Kent White, teacher. The members of this class are very enthusiastic and all men not attending a Bible class are cordially invited to be present Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

ROADS AND FARM VALUES

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27—To determine as far as possible the exact dollars and cents effect on a county of the improvement of bad roads, specialists of the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the U. S. Department of Agriculture made economic surveys in 8 counties in each of the years from 1910 to 1915, inclusive.

This study of the increase in the values of farm lands in the eight counties reveals the rather interesting fact that following the improvement of the main market roads the increase in the selling price of tillable farm lands served by the roads has amounted to from one to three times the total cost of the improvements. The increase in values in those instances which were recorded ranged from 63 per cent to 80 per cent in Spotsylvania County, Va.; from 68 to 194 in Dinwiddie County, Va.; 70 to 80 in Lee County, Va.; 25 to 100 in Wise County, Va.; 9 to 114 in Franklin County, N. Y.; 50 to 100 in Dallas County, Ala.; 25 to 50 in Lauderdale County, Miss.; and from 50 to 100 in Manatee County, Fla. The estimates of increase were based for the most part upon the territory within a distance of one mile on each side of the roads improved.

Mrs. Albert Doyle Brockett and her guest, Miss Dorothy Robins, of Houston, Texas, attended the Army-Navy game Saturday.

Miss Pearl L. Newton and Mr. John J. Roberts were married Saturday evening in the rectory of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, by the Rev. Dr. P. P. Phillips.

Turkeys were won by W. H. T. Brooke, G. B. Willis, and Hunt Roberts. The scores of each were: Brooke, 10, Willis, 9 and Roberts, 8. Mr. Brooke and Dr. S. B. Moore, who were tied on the first event, shot the second time in order to decide the question as to the best man.

Word has been received here by City Sergeant R. H. Cox of the death of Samuel S. Carson, a former resident of Alexandria, who died Saturday in the hospital at Staunton, Va., deceased was 49 years old. The body will be brought to this city for burial.

The Parents-Teachers Association will give an oyster supper this evening, from 5:30 to 8 o'clock, in the Westminster Building, for the benefit of the night school. A number of uncycl articles made during the summer at the play grounds will be on sale.

Mr. Whitman Rathbone Valentine Smith, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is a guest at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, in Duke street. Mr. Smith will spend about two weeks in this city and will be accompanied home by Mrs. Smith and three little sons who have been Mrs. Barrett's guests for several weeks.

Services will also be held in the three Episcopal and in St. Mary's Catholic church on Thanksgiving day.

The public schools of the city will close on Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holidays and will not reopen until the Monday following. Many of the teachers will take advantage of the opportunity to attend the sessions of the eleventh annual educational conference of Virginia which will open in Richmond on Tuesday next, continuing through the week.

Superintendent Wm. H. Sweeney of the public schools will go to Richmond tomorrow to attend the conference of school superintendents on the occasion of the educational conference which will open that day. Prof. Stanley G. Blanton, principal of the High school will accompany him. Among the other teachers who will attend are Prof. H. C. Nolley, C. T. Ryan, and Miss Mary Gregg. Acting Superintendent of schools of Alexandria county, George W. Zachary, and several of the county teachers also expect to be present.

GOOD FOOTBALL GAME

Promised for Thanksgiving Day Between Eastern College and Alexandria.

The greatest game of the season and no doubt the hardest game the Alexandria boys ever attempted will be played in this City on Thanksgiving day on the school grounds. All arrangements were completed yesterday in Manassas by Mr. Nalls coach of the High school team. During the conversation in completing the details of agreement it was at first thought that the game would have to be called off owing to the fact that the College team demanded too much money for expenses to come to Alexandria. It was finally agreed that the Alexandria High school guarantee the Eastern College \$50 to have their team appear in this city. Although this is the largest amount the High school ever paid to have a team come here it is hoped that the public will support the High school in their efforts to fulfill their guarantee. Tickets are now on sale by members of the team and school.

All members of the Eastern Star are requested to send their donations for the Masonic Orphans Home to Brawner Brothers store not later than 1 o'clock Tuesday. (Signed) Minnie W. Latham. 278-ft

SLEEPING NEAR TRACK HOPE FOR ROUMANIANS

Young Man From Washington Reporting in Arms of Morpheus When Sergeant Roberts Awakens Him.

About ten o'clock last Saturday night, while Sergeant Roberts was patrolling the neighborhood of the intersection of Gibbon and Royal streets, he discovered a young white man asleep in close proximity to the electric railway track. He approached the sleeper, and found he had been overcome by liquor and was utterly helpless. The sergeant placed the young man upon his feet and conducted him to the station house, where he subsequently gave his name as Jess Warner and said he came from Washington, where, he alleged, he purchased the liquor which had made him drunk. He is about 25 years old. After he had recovered from the effects of his debauch, he left collateral for his appearance before the Police Court this morning. When his name was called he was non est inventus, and forfeited his deposit.

The out-of-the-way place where the youngster was found was the scene recently of a holdup. The neighborhood is inhabited mostly by negroes, and it is difficult to understand why a stranger would have wandered to such a locality. It is contiguous to the Wilkes street tunnel where two drunken persons have been killed by passing trains in bygone years.

SUICIDE OF DRUG CLERK

J. Granville Adams, of Falls Church Kills Himself When Woman Marries Another Man.

J. Granville Adams, twenty-four years old, of Falls Church, Fairfax county, died in his room over a drug store in that town Saturday from a self-inflicted bullet wound. Adams was believed to have shot himself early in the morning, disappointed in love, because a young woman of Falls Church was married Friday to another resident of the town and a government employe.

Adams is believed to have fired the fatal bullet about 1 o'clock Saturday morning. He was found several hours later by a clerk in C. T. Mankin and Co's drug store. He died at 1:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Adams was a clerk in Mankin's drug store for some years and was acquainted with every one in the village. He lately worked in an F street, Washington, drug store as prescription clerk, but continued to live in Falls Church Adams' parents live at Front Royal, where they moved recently.

The body was brought to Alexandria early this morning and sent to Marshall on the 8:30 train. It was accompanied by two sisters and a brother, residents of Washington, and other relatives, and his parents met the train at Marshall.

TRAIN RUNS INTO HOTEL

Jumps Track, Plunges Into Building, But Only One Person Hurt.

Upper Sandusky, Nov. 27—By remarkable chance no one was seriously injured when the Steel City express, a fast Chicago to Pittsburgh passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, plunged through a derailleur at Forest, O., near here, in a blinding snow storm, and ripped its way into the Forest Hotel early Friday morning.

The train was running fast when the Big Four Railroad crossing was reached and the engineer could not see that the block signal for the crossing was set against him, so severe was the storm. The engine turned over on its side as it plowed into the hotel, which was badly damaged. The tender and mail car followed the engine. The seven coaches remained upon the track.

The only person hurt was the mail clerk, whose name has not been learned, and he was only slightly injured.

Three persons were instantly killed and three others injured, two probably fatally, late yesterday afternoon, when an interurban trolley car crashed into their automobile, near the northern limits of Detroit, Mich.

Member of French Legion Tells Washington of the Progress of the War.

London, Nov. 27—News from German sources caused a renewal of hope here today that Rumania may, after all, extricate herself from the precarious position in which her Wallachian forces have been placed by von Falkenhayn's concerted brilliant strategic campaign.

Of prime basis for this hope was the utter lack, in all the German official reports, of any claims of large captures of prisoners or war munitions.

If the Rumanian army had actually been trapped by the encircling movement around Orsova and Turnu Severin, reaching over to Craiova, it was regarded as certain the Berlin official reports would have chronicled big captures of men and supplies.

Furthermore, it is known here that the Rumanians succeeded in removing all of their artillery from Craiova before that city fell into the hands of the enemy.

One other source of hope was the report from German correspondents at von Falkenhayn's headquarters that further progress beyond the Alt was delayed because of the condition of the roads.

Both of these bits of news led military experts here to reconstruct a story of an orderly retreat of the Rumanian forces from the angle on which two arms of the Teutonic forces are now exerting pressure.

Washington, Nov. 27.—That the past ten months have brought such marked improvement in the equipment and development of armies of the allies as to assure ultimate victory of those nations over the central powers, is the message brought to Washington by Lieut. Zinov Pechkoff, of the French Foreign Legion.

He says a deep impression was made upon him on his return to the French front after ten months spent in recuperation from a wound that cost him his right arm. The progress made by England in raising and equipping her armies and improving her siege guns, the speaker said, was almost unbelievable.

COMPLICATIONS WITH BERLIN

Berlin, Nov. 24—A period of complications may again be impending in German-American relations.

Germany's conduct of submarine warfare has brought forth an abundant crop of American inquiries, of which Joseph C. Grew, the American charge, recently has filed no less than ten, five of them yesterday.

Six remained to be answered, including the cases of the Marina, on which a number of Americans appeared to be killed, and the liner Arabia, sinking of which the American government declares to be inconsistent with the promises of the German government regarding the treatment of passenger liners.

The United States bases its attitude in the case of the Arabia on the assumption that it was unarmed and torpedoed without warning, and is unable to see that there was justification for forcing the passengers into the boats. Washington believes the submarine commander, on ascertaining that there were women and children on the decks, should have refrained from making an attack.

Germany in the four cases, in regard to which replies already have been made, was found to have fairly convincing answers, which it is believed may put quite a different aspect on affairs. It is pointed out here, for example, that, according to testimony of her own passengers, the Arabia was armed and used her cannon; that the sea was smooth and that other vessels were near. It is argued that the Arabia, having on board a large number of coolie war workers, should be regarded as a transport.

\$80,000 Fire in Tampa

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 27—A water front fire here yesterday burned a block of warehouses fronting the Hillsborough River, and, carried by a heavy wind, crossed the river and destroyed thirty houses in the residence section. Two persons, including a fireman, were injured. The total damage is estimated at \$80,000.